

Quinault reservation, in Washington, comprising 300,000 acres, probably will be thrown open to settlement next spring. The contract for surveying the reservation is about to be awarded.

IN FRANCE, some weeks ago, the officers of several regiments, by way of celebrating the anniversaries of great victories by French arms in the past, ordered requiem masses for the soldiers killed in action. This was too much for the Masonic soul of the French Secretary of War, who forbade the celebration of the masses. France is a free country, you know—free for all except Catholics; they must be handicapped and their best men and women must be exiled.

SELFISHNESS seems to be the complex of all vices. The love of self, when predominant, excludes all goodness and prevents all truth. It is the great enemy of individuals, societies and communities. It is the cause of all irritation, the source of all evil. People who are always thinking of themselves have no time to be concerned about others; their own pleasure or profit is the pivot on which everything turns. They cannot even conceive of disinterestedness, and will laugh to scorn all who appear to love others as well as themselves. Selfishness is the very essence of the first original sin, and it must be corrected, or we are lost.

THE annual report of Governor William M. Jenkins, of the Territory of Oklahoma, was made public last week in Washington by the Secretary of the Interior. Governor Jenkins makes a strong plea for statehood, saying that the past rapid development of the material interests of the Territory insures its future. He claims a population of half a million for Oklahoma, and adds: "In the little more than a decade which has elapsed since the creation of the Territory